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Date: August 8, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Paul Esparza, Planning Director
Subject: Babocomari RID

County staff and our consultants (JR Pooler, John Bishop, Dibble Engineering and Fred Rosenfeld) hosted a public meeting at Cochise College in Sierra Vista on April 27, 2016 to inform the property owners and answer their questions on the status of the Babocomari RID. The staff presentation included:

- History of the Babocomari RID.
- Dollar amount spent to date by Cochise County on the RID.
- How the assessment costs to individual property owners were calculated.
- What happens if the RID moves forward or is dissolved.
- When will the assessments need to be repaid by the property owners should the RID be dissolved.
- What are the wishes of the property owners regarding the RID.

Cochise County has spent approximately \$469,312 to date for engineering design and staff time on the Babocomari RID.

A revised RID assessment spreadsheet has been prepared by JR Pooler since the April meeting using 2016 FCV & FCV ASSESSED data which identifies the approximate individual property owner tax levy if the project does not proceed. The tax levy is based on the \$469,312 invested into the project to date.

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Twenty-seven (27) property owners attended the public meeting and many participated in the discussion. Several property owners stated they have delayed proceeding with improvements on their parcels so not to increase their property valuation until a decision is made on the future of the Babocomari RID.

A paper ballot was distributed to the attendees and a hand vote was taken to determine which attendees were in favor of or against proceeding with the Road Improvement District. The votes are tallied in the pie charts below.

